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BRIEF HISTORY

1988



Signing of the Agreement establishing the
IMO International Maritime Law Institute

IMLI was established in Malta in 1988 under an agreement concluded between the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and the Government of Malta and started its first programme in 1989. Its main purpose was, and remains, to train officers, principally from developing countries, in international maritime law.

Over the last three decades, IMLI's work has contributed to the establishment of a cadre of experts in international maritime law who are able to prepare, review and advise on the implementation of maritime laws and regulations. Since its inception, over 1,000 maritime experts from 149 States and territories, who are at the forefront in the codification and progressive development of international maritime law and are actively contributing to their countries' development, have graduated from the Institute.

The background image shows the entrance of the International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI). At the top, there is a circular stone relief featuring a scale of justice. Below it, the letters 'IMLI' are carved into the stone. The entrance consists of a central glass door flanked by two glass panels. The left panel has the IMO logo, and the right panel has the IMLI logo. Above the entrance, the text 'SERVING THE RULE OF INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW' is inscribed. The text 'MISSION' is overlaid in large white letters.

MISSION

SERVING THE RULE OF INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW

The mission of the IMO International Maritime Law Institute is to enhance capacity-building in all States, particularly developing States, to contribute to the fulfilment of the IMO objectives thereby promoting safe, secure, environmentally sound, efficient and sustainable shipping through cooperation.

IMLI MASTER'S PROGRAMMES

Master of Laws (LL.M.) in International Maritime Law

The LL.M. programme was designed to respond to the shortage of legal experts, especially in the developing world, who possess the necessary skills to incorporate and efficiently implement international instruments into domestic legislation.

The LL.M. programme not only studies maritime law from an international perspective, but looks on a comparative basis into the major legal systems in relation to maritime affairs. Through its international faculty composed of eminent academics, practitioners and members of the judiciary, the programme addresses current challenges facing the international maritime community and the various responses put forward to ensure safety of navigation, security of shipping, protection of the marine environment, safeguarding of human rights, and peaceful use of the oceans.



LL.M. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

NOMINATED CANDIDATES

Candidates seeking funding must be nominated by a Government or other appropriate nominating authority. Such candidates should normally be persons already serving in or intended to be appointed to a Government Ministry or Department concerned with legal, port or shipping affairs, or an organization in the country of the nominating Government involved in these matters



ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

A degree in law with
a high standing from
a recognised
university;

Proficiency in the
English language;
and

Computer
competence.

STRUCTURE OF THE LL.M. PROGRAMME

The duration of the programme is one academic year, beginning in October and ending in June/July of the following year. The programme is intensive and student achievement is highly competitive. In brief, the programme structure, which is designed to cover all aspects of international maritime law at an advanced post-graduate level, comprises the following:

Introduction to Public International Law
Introduction to Shipping Law
Introduction to Law of the Sea and Humanitarian Law
Law of the Sea Specific Regimes I
Law of the Sea Specific Regimes II
Carriage of Goods and Passengers by Sea
Proprietary Interests in Ships
Wet Shipping
Law of Maritime Safety and Security
Maritime Claims
Marine Environmental Law
Maritime Legislation Drafting
Dissertation

Each student is required to submit a 10,000 to 15,000-word dissertation, independently researched and supervised by a Member of the Institute's Faculty. Each student is also required to submit a maritime legislation drafting project under the supervision of a designated Member of the Institute's Faculty which effectively implements an international instrument, especially those developed by IMO, in domestic legislation.

IMLI MASTER'S PROGRAMMES

Master of Humanities (M.Hum.) in International Maritime Legislation

IMLI's specialised post-graduate programme leading to the Degree of Master of Humanities (M.Hum.) in International Maritime Legislation aims to respond to the needs of IMO Member States to have trained specialists in international maritime legislation drafting. Intensive drafting exercises are carried out to build the students' drafting skills so as to enable them to draft national legislation which effectively implements IMO instruments. The programme is suitable for qualified professionals working in the maritime field such as maritime administrations, port authorities, or other organizations concerned with maritime affairs.



M.HUM. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

NOMINATED CANDIDATES

Candidates seeking funding must be nominated by a Government or other appropriate nominating authority. Such candidates should normally be persons already serving in or intended to be appointed to a Government Ministry or Department concerned with legal, port or shipping affairs, or an organization in the country of the nominating Government involved in these matters.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

A degree from a recognized university or other academic institution in a related discipline to international maritime law;

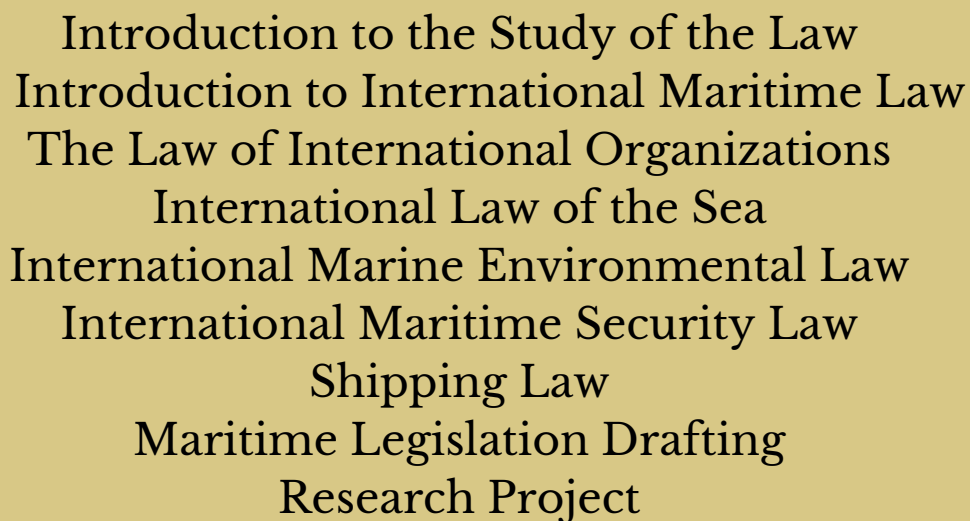
Proficiency in the English language; and

Computer competence.



STRUCTURE OF THE M. HUM. PROGRAMME

The duration of the programme is one academic year, beginning in October and ending in June/July of the following year. The programme is intensive and student achievement is highly competitive. In brief, the programme structure, which is designed to enhance the skills of maritime professionals in international maritime law and legislation drafting, comprises the following:



Introduction to the Study of the Law
Introduction to International Maritime Law
The Law of International Organizations
International Law of the Sea
International Marine Environmental Law
International Maritime Security Law
Shipping Law
Maritime Legislation Drafting
Research Project

Each student is required to submit a research project of 15,000 words which, upon evaluation of the current national legislation, proposes a roadmap or plan of action to ensure the development of national legislation which effectively implements IMO instruments and other internationally agreed maritime legal standards. Each student is also required to submit a maritime legislation drafting project under the supervision of a designated Member of the Institute's Faculty which effectively implements an international instrument, especially those developed by IMO, in domestic legislation.

FACULTY



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The Institute's Resident Faculty, under the supervision of the Director, is responsible for the teaching of all subjects within the academic syllabi.

The teaching of the Resident Faculty is complemented by the Distinguished Visiting Fellows Programme, which aims to introduce students to the latest developments in international maritime law and offers networking opportunities which should serve students well when they return to their home countries.

The Visiting Fellows come from world-renowned Universities, international organizations, and international tribunals. Other Visiting Fellows include ambassadors, experts, and eminent practitioners.

FIELD TRIP

Master students usually attend several educational field trips as part of the Institute's Master's Programmes. These field trips allow students to familiarize themselves with different important maritime institutions and network with professionals who are involved in the development and implementation of international maritime law.

The annual field trip to London enables the students to visit maritime institutions such as Headquarters of the International Maritime Organization where they meet the IMO Secretary-General and the Geographical Focal Points of their regions, the International Chamber of Shipping, Lloyd's Register Foundation, and Thomas Miller & Co.

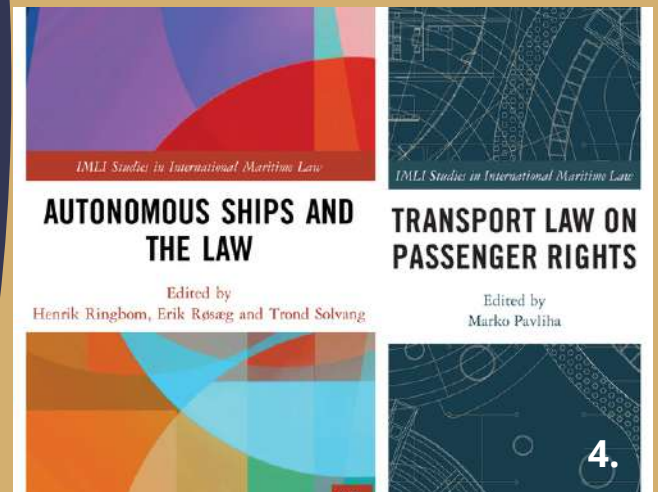


IMLI Graduates meeting
the IMO Secretary-General
at the IMO Headquarters

Mr. Jim Harrison (Vice-
Chairman, IMLI Governing
Board) addressing IMLI
Graduates at Lloyd's
Register

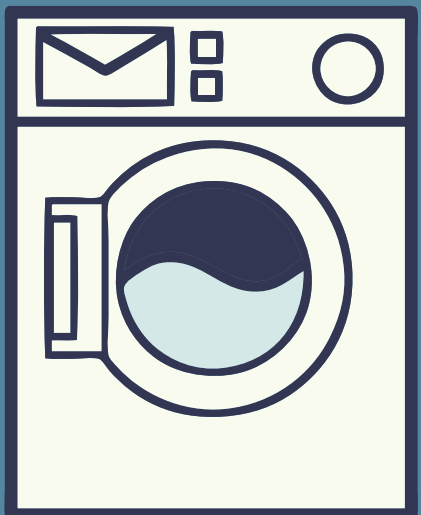
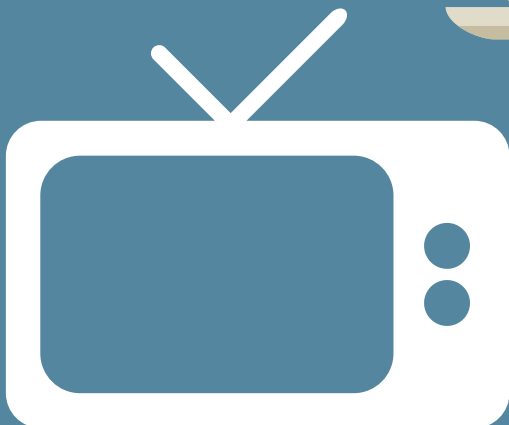


IMLI PUBLICATIONS



1. The IMLI Treatise on Global Ocean Governance, The IMLI Manual on International Maritime Law, and The Exclusive Economic Zone in International Law by Prof. D. Attard (Director, IMLI)
2. Essays in Honour of Professor David Joseph Attard
3. The Book Series "IMLI Studies in International Maritime Law"
4. The Book Series "IMLI Studies in International Maritime Law"
5. The book entitled "Celebrating 30 years in the Service of the Rule of International Maritime Law"

FACILITIES AND AMENITIES



Library

ICT Facilities

Accommodation

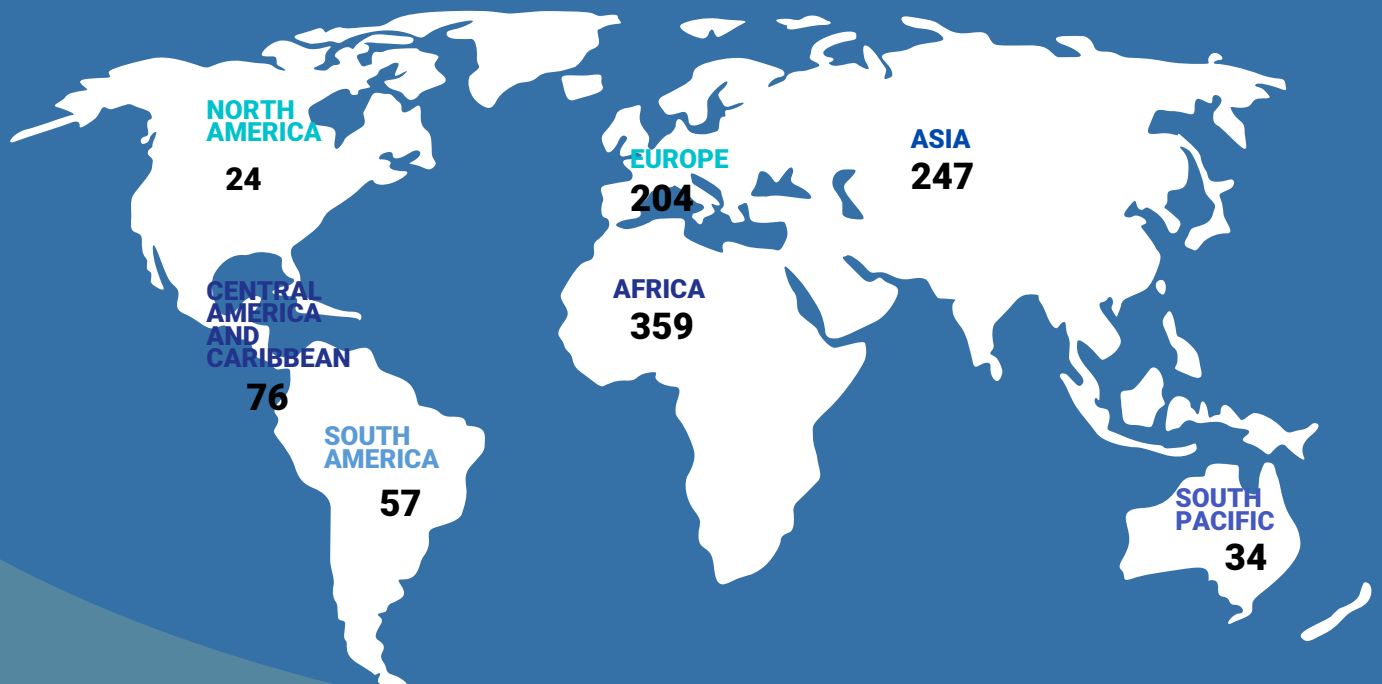
Cafeteria

Laundry

Telecommunications

Recreational Facilities

ALUMNI



The Institute is a truly multicultural environment that brings a unique flavor to the academic experience. The exposure to different legal and cultural backgrounds contributes significantly to broadening the vision of students and understanding of international legal order, as well as to practicing intercultural dialogue for the benefit of all.

Upon successful completion of studies, graduates join a formidable IMLI network of over 1,000 maritime experts from 149 States and territories who are leading the international maritime sector to greater heights.



Testimonials



The Hon. Mr. Simon Kofe (Tuvalu) Class of 2013-2014

IMLI has contributed significantly to my professional development and career. I am forever grateful for the dedicated lecturers at IMLI for not only imparting knowledge but more importantly inspiring my interest in the field of international law. The knowledge and perspective gained from my studies at IMLI has proven invaluable to my role as the Minister for Foreign Affairs.



Mr. Ivane Abashidze (Georgia) Class of 2013-2014

A couple of years back, when I came to study at IMLI, I had the determination to be the change for my country and to make a difference on the international scene. After my successful graduation from IMLI, I came back to Georgia and pursued my career in the maritime administration with even greater responsibilities. Today I am honoured, and so is my country, to have been elected as Vice-Chair of the Legal Committee, one of the main bodies of IMO. IMLI graduates are truly changing the understanding of modern maritime law, which demonstrates the success this Institute enjoys throughout the globe under the able leadership of Professor Attard. It is with humility that some years ago, as a proud graduate of the Institute, I joined fellow graduates as a delegate of Georgia. And today, with even greater humility and pride, I welcome my election as Vice-Chair of the Legal Committee. It is not an easy undertaking. As a proud IMLI graduate, I shall do my utmost to live up to the needs and expectations of Member States and to those of the whole Committee.



Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Albania) Class of 2007-2008

It is an honour to express my gratitude to IMLI for pledging its trust to me, the first Albanian lawyer to apply to IMLI, and consider me as a deserving candidate to be awarded a fellowship. Training at IMLI was beyond expectations and it opened a new world to a government officer who knew little about the depth of maritime affairs and the real impact such affairs have on a country. Training at IMLI was a wonderful opportunity which was unique not only to one of the few Albanian female lawyers involved in the maritime industry but also to a country which very few knew where was on the map and which was trying its best to improve the maritime sector. My lecturers were my guide and my mentors. They helped me understand international maritime law, think outside the box, and carry out research in areas completely unknown to me. The international environment of my classmates introduced me to new cultures and backgrounds and some of them remain, until today, very close friends. But above all, I am grateful that I was given the opportunity to join IMLI in a different capacity. I am blessed to know that, as a Member of Faculty, I have in a very small way contributed to the launching of excellent international maritime lawyers who have taught me as I have taught them and who will remain with me forever. Indeed, words are not sufficient to express my gratitude. May this support continue and may it affect the lives of many other generations.



Lt. Liliana Brajic (Mexico) Class of 2016-2017

Studying at IMLI was a unique opportunity to improve my knowledge and skills as an international lawyer. Every morning I would wake up thinking how fortunate I am because the Nippon Foundation elected me. This also meant a big obligation with the Foundation, IMLI and my country. Everyday, I enjoyed classes, culture, friendship and knowledge. In other words, I enjoyed doing my best. The support of the Nippon Foundation gave me a unique opportunity, not only to help me achieve professional success, but with this effort, to deepen the knowledge of maritime law for the benefit of my country. There are no maritime law schools in Mexico and just a few persons have experience in this field. So, I have a lot of work ahead to strengthen the maritime laws in my country and law enforcement by the Mexican Navy. I want to thank you for allowing me to take up this important responsibility. I remain at your service.



Mr. Watchara Chiemankulkit (Thailand) Class of 2017-2018

I recall with fondness that, when I got the acceptance letter from the Institute, I was very happy to have been selected as a fellow to pursue studies at IMLI. That joy however cannot compare with the immense pleasure and satisfaction I felt during my eight months at IMLI. During the programme, students had opportunities to get lectures from in-house lecturers and professionals from academia, maritime industry, governments and international organizations. The variety of subjects made me understand better the operation of the maritime regulatory regime and the roles of the various actors in the field. The lectures and traditions of the Institute make the study very unique and serve their purpose – to train specialists in maritime law. Acquiring friends who represented their countries from all over the world is another benefit of studying at IMLI. I truly appreciated the beauty of the cross – cultural work environment which is another benefit from studying at IMLI. I cannot appreciate enough the generous support given by IMLI and The Nippon Foundation for my studies at the Institute. The support came with opportunities to enhance knowledge, expertise, and be a better person. Without this support, I would not be able to give my good services to my government and the maritime community as I am doing today. I shall remain forever grateful.



Mr. Ousa Okello (Kenya) Class of 2010-2011

IMLI was a wonderful experience. This was probably enhanced by the location of IMLI, i.e. Malta a wonderful island. The atmosphere of friendship and international co-operation pervaded IMLI every single day, but I most remember the intellectual discourse with the lectures and other students. Every day was a learning experience. IMLI has played an unrivalled role in my career. It has given me a deeper appreciation for international and maritime law and I regularly represent my country in international conferences at the IMO and other international organizations arising from my knowledge of the subject matter. It is also not uncommon for me to organize lectures and colloquia for Kenyan lawyers, judges and other professionals dealing with maritime law. Thank you IMLI!



Ms. Deirdre Clarke (the Bahamas) Class of 2011-2012

I was given, unbeknownst to me, an opportunity of a lifetime to attend IMLI in 2011. At first, I was frightened and often wondered 'what in the dickens am I doing back in school?' Nevertheless, I took the challenge and there I was, completing my Masters in Maritime Law. The journey was not easy, but it has allowed me many opportunities to see the world, meet new wonderful friends whom I am still in touch with and excel on job. When I attended IMLI, I was a Counsel at the Office of the Attorney General. On my return to the Bahamas I was afforded the opportunity, by the then Attorney General of the Bahamas, to head the Registrar General's Department. As the Acting Registrar General, my first accomplishment was the creation of the Maritime Marriage Registry for the Bahamas. I am pleased to say that my knowledge in Maritime Law, which I credit IMLI and my sponsor, assisted in my implementation of this programme and for this I am grateful.



Mr. Igor Karaman (Ukraine) Class of 2003-2004

Without any exaggeration, I must say that IMLI has played an important role in my life. It was my first international experience, which significantly broadened my studying and professional horizons: new and different approaches to teaching and learning, prominent professors and practitioners from all over the world, life in the international student community, new friends, etc. The knowledge and experience I received at the Institute served as a solid platform for my further professional growth – completion of the doctoral dissertation, diplomatic service, international civil service, lecturing at the university. I am proud to be the first Ukrainian who studied at IMLI. Undoubtedly, this was made possible only due to the generous scholarship of my sponsor and the endeavors of the Institute and its Director in attracting the scholarship for me. I am deeply grateful for such a unique opportunity. I still often recollect my studies at IMLI and life in Malta as one of the happiest moments in my life.



More information regarding IMLI's programmes and courses is available on the IMLI website:
<https://imli.org/programmes-and-courses/>

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